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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the specification as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 34, lines 4-6, as follows (a marked-up copy of the amendment is provided as an attachment to this Preliminary Amendment):

B1 G.A. Carpenter, S. Grossberg & D.B. Rosen (1991a). ART 2-A: An adaptive Resonance Algorithm for Rapid Category Learning and Recognition. *Neural Networks*, 4, 493-504.